Deposition of:

Deputy Chief Kenneth Kuebler

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- 1 DEPUTY CHIEF KENNETH KUEBLER
- 2 a witness herein, having been duly sworn, was
- 3 examined and deposed as follows:
- 4 EXAMINATION
- 5 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 6 Q. Good afternoon.
- 7 A. Hi.
- 8 Q. Thank you for coming in early for us.
- 9 Can you spell your last -- or could you
- 10 state your name for the record and spell your
- 11 last name?
- 12 A. Name is Kenneth -- or Ken -- Kuebler.
- 13 Last name is spelled K-u-e-b-l-e-r.
- 14 Q. Okay. And your position with the
- 15 Columbus police department?
- 16 A. I'm the deputy chief of police.
- 17 Q. Okay. And have you had your deposition
- 18 taken before?
- 19 A. I have.
- Q. And so you know to answer out loud, ask
- 21 follow-up questions if you don't understand --
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. -- the question.
- 24 If something I say you remember later
- 25 and you want to supplement it, just let me know

- 2 If you need to take a break, just let
- 3 us know. Okay?
- 4 A. (Indicating.)
- 5 Q. Is there any reason today that your
- 6 ability to concentrate would be hindered?
- 7 A. No.
- 8 Q. And have you looked at any documents in
- 9 preparation for your deposition today?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Did you speak to anyone other than your
- 12 attorney about your deposition today?
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. Okay.
- 15 A. Clarify -- I notified my chief of
- 16 police I would be here today and unavailable.
- 17 Q. Okay. And did you look at any -- or
- 18 listen to any audio or video?
- 19 A. No.
- Q. Okay. And just as a formality, if we
- 21 need you for trial, we'll go through your
- 22 attorney. So if you leave the employ of your
- 23 department, you just need to keep information
- 24 updated with the city attorney's office.
- 25 A. Okay.

- 1 Q. Okay. And can you tell me your
- 2 trajectory to the rank of deputy chief within the
- 3 department?
- 4 A. I was hired as a recruit. I was in --
- 5 a police officer and then a sergeant and then a
- 6 lieutenant and then a commander, and now I'm
- 7 deputy chief.
- 8 Q. Okay. And was that all in patrol, or
- 9 did you work in different units?
- 10 A. I have worked in patrol. I have worked
- in our research development unit. I've worked in
- 12 our technical services bureau.
- 13 Q. Okay. And how long have you been in
- 14 your current position?
- 15 A. The -- it will be five years in
- 16 October.
- 17 Q. Okay. And have you had any law
- 18 enforcement outside of City of Columbus?
- 19 A. No.
- Q. Okay. What about military
- 21 experience?
- 22 A. No.
- Q. And education?
- A. Bachelor's, and master's will be
- 25 completed in December of this year.

- 1 Q. In what --
- 2 A. Which?
- 3 Q. Your degree.
- 4 A. Bachelor's is in criminal justice.
- Q. Okay.
- A. And master's is communications and
- 7 strategic leadership.
- Q. And what was -- your duties as deputy
- 9 chief as of September of 2014?
- 10 A. I don't understand.
- 11 Q. What does the deputy chief do?
- 12 A. The deputy chief oversees a subdivision
- 13 of the division of police; in my case --
- 14 is patrol, south division. I oversee the daily
- 15 operations of approximately 675 patrol officers
- 16 generally assigned to the southern half of the
- 17 City of Columbus.
- 18 Q. Okay. And how many deputy chiefs are
- 19 there?
- 20 A. There are six.
- Q. Okay. And that's cordoned off the
- 22 sections you were talking about?
- 23 A. There are six subdivisions, correct.
- Q. Okay. And is the next level up the
- 25 actual police chief?

- 1 A. Chief of police, correct.
- Q. Okay. And then -- so you and the five
- 3 other deputy chiefs report to the chief of
- 4 police?
- 5 A. That is correct.
- 6 O. Who is?
- 7 A. Kimberly Jacobs.
- Q. And then who does Chief Jacobs report
- 9 to?
- 10 A. She reports to the public safety
- 11 director.
- 12 Q. And who is the safety director?
- 13 A. Ned Pettus.
- Q. Okay. And do you know --
- 15 A. Dr. Ned Pettus.
- Q. Do you know if Dr. Pettus was the
- 17 safety director in 2014?
- 18 A. He was not.
- 19 Q. Okay. Who -- do you know who the
- 20 safety director was then?
- 21 A. I don't recall the chronology of the
- 22 last three directors.
- Q. Okay. There have been three in two
- 24 years?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. Okay. And who were they? Do you just
- 2 remember their names, not their --
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 O. -- timeline of service?
- 5 A. Mitchell Brown --
- Q. Okay.
- 7 A. -- and then George Speaks, and now Ned
- 8 Pettus.
- 9 Q. Okay.
- 10 A. I don't know the dates of those terms.
- 11 Q. Okay. Thank you.
- 12 And then the safety director, who do
- 13 they report to?
- 14 A. Safety director is appointed by the
- 15 mayor.
- Q. Okay. And in your position as deputy
- 17 chief, what kind of -- bad question.
- Do you investigate complaints about
- 19 your officers if there is a stop and arrest that
- 20 a citizen feels is against policy?
- 21 A. I do not investigate those, no.
- Q. Okay. What about use of force against
- 23 policy?
- A. I do not investigate those, no.
- Q. Okay. Do you review investigations?

- 1 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And can you take me through what
- 3 your review process of an investigation is?
- 4 A. Of which type of investigation?
- 5 Q. Well, let's start with a stop and
- 6 detention.
- 7 A. A stop and detention I do not review.
- 8 O. Okay. So if a citizen makes a
- 9 complaint that an officer stopped me for no
- 10 reason, I wasn't doing anything, who would that
- 11 complaint go to?
- 12 A. If they wish to file a formal citizen
- 13 complaint, it would go through the internal
- 14 affairs bureau.
- 15 Q. Okay. And if it goes to -- if they're
- in your section, what would be the chain of
- 17 command for the review, whether or not the
- 18 officer's stop was within policy?
- 19 A. Are we supposed to know if the internal
- 20 affairs bureau conducted an investigation?
- 21 Q. Yes.
- 22 A. Then the officer's sergeant, and then
- 23 lieutenant, and then commander, and then myself
- 24 would review that investigation.
- Q. Okay. So there are times when you

- 1 would review a complaint having to deal with a
- 2 stop and detention?
- 3 A. That's correct.
- 4 Q. Okay. And what about uses of force,
- 5 would those go through the same?
- A. We have eight levels of uses of force.
- 7 Q. Okay.
- 8 A. And some of those reach my level of
- 9 review and some do not.
- 10 Q. Okay. And which reach your level of
- 11 review?
- 12 A. Those are level -- what we call level 3
- or higher, a Taser or higher.
- 14 Q. Okay.
- 15 A. Additionally, an outside-of-policy use
- 16 of Mace --
- 17 Q. Yes.
- 18 A. -- or a use of Mace against a
- 19 handcuffed prisoner would arrive to me as well.
- Q. Okay. And as deputy chief, are you the
- 21 final decision-maker on those investigations that
- 22 come to you for what we discussed, the stop and
- 23 detention and the use of force, 3 through -- what
- 24 was the level?
- 25 A. 8.

- 1 Q. -- 3 through 8, and then Mace outside
- 2 of policy?
- 3 A. Yes and no.
- 4 Q. Okay.
- 5 A. It is complicated, but yes and no.
- 6 Q. Okay. What's the no?
- 7 A. I am the final decision-maker on
- 8 in-policy use of force.
- 9 Q. Okay.
- 10 A. I am not the final decision-maker on
- 11 outside use of force if it involves certain
- 12 levels of discipline, nor am I the final decider
- on a use of firearms for which there's a
- 14 disagreement between the firearms review board
- 15 and the chain of command.
- 16 Q. Okay. If the ending result is Mace,
- 17 the level of force does not go beyond Mace, would
- 18 you be the final decision-maker?
- 19 A. Is it within policy or not within
- 20 policy? Has the chain found it within or not?
- 21 Q. If the investigator found it within
- 22 policy.
- 23 A. Against use -- against a handcuffed
- 24 prisoner or not?
- Q. Well, I guess, let me go back and ask

- 1 this question. What if there's a dispute between
- 2 the prisoner saying they were handcuffed and
- 3 Maced, and an officer's use-of-force report
- 4 saying that they Maced after handcuffing?
- 5 A. If the investigation reveals that the
- 6 suspect was handcuffed at the time of use of
- 7 Mace, it would arrive up to me.
- 8 Q. Okay. And if it found that it was --
- 9 that the suspect was not handcuffed prior to,
- 10 then it would go --
- 11 A. The commander would be the
- 12 highest-level decision.
- 13 Q. Okay. All right. If you could, in
- 14 this exhibit book, turn to Exhibit 2, please.
- 15 And the second page is going to be -- looking at
- 16 numbers at the bottom -- GB766.
- 17 A. Okay.
- 18 Q. Would you be the final decision-maker
- 19 in this investigation; Subject, finding and
- 20 recommendations for IAB database, number,
- 21 201409-0040?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And do you know if Chief Jacobs
- 24 received this case?
- 25 A. I do not know.

- 1 Q. Okay. Do you know the statistics of
- 2 the use of force in the Columbus police
- 3 department?
- 4 A. I do not, not specifically, no.
- 5 Q. Okay. Do you know where that
- 6 information would be kept?
- 7 A. In the internal affairs bureau.
- 8 Q. Okay. Are you aware --
- 9 A. Some of that information is available
- 10 from our annual report as well.
- 11 Q. Okay. And do you know whether that's
- 12 broken down by the level of force?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And when you review the use of
- 15 force, you're looking at whether or not an
- 16 officer acted within policy?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Okay. And as part of your review, do
- 19 you look to make sure that the policies are clear
- 20 as they can be to the officer?
- MS. LLOYD: Objection as to form.
- 22 A. Can you repeat?
- 23 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 24 O. Uh-huh.
- When you're looking at the policy that

- 1 an officer may or may not have violated, you're
- 2 making that determination in your review, do you
- 3 look to make sure that the policies are as clear
- 4 as they can be?
- 5 MS. LLOYD: Objection.
- 6 THE WITNESS: Should I answer it?
- 7 MS. LLOYD: Yeah.
- 8 A. Not at the time, no.
- 9 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 10 Q. Okay. And then, just for future
- 11 reference, for objections, unless your attorney
- 12 tells you specifically, don't answer the
- 13 question, you can answer. We're just making a
- 14 record.
- 15 A. Okay.
- 16 Q. Okay. Do you recall a Department of
- 17 Justice review of the Columbus police department
- 18 in the 2000s?
- 19 A. Vaguely.
- Q. Okay. And do you still participate in
- 21 training?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And have there been any changes
- 24 to your training from the time that the
- 25 investigation -- the Department of Justice

- 1 investigation came out to September of 2014?
- 2 MS. LLOYD: Objection as to form.
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 5 Q. Okay. And what were those changes?
- 6 MS. LLOYD: Objection.
- 7 A. I can't -- I can't label them all for
- 8 you. There are many -- we train on hundreds, if
- 9 not thousands, of topics. And those -- those
- 10 trainings change --
- 11 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 12 Q. Okay.
- 13 A. -- regularly.
- 14 Q. So you don't know whether or not they
- 15 were as a result of the Department of Justice?
- 16 A. I do not know.
- 17 Q. Okay. And you expect your officers
- 18 to -- to use force that is within policy?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Okay. And also to make stops and
- 21 detentions that are also within policy?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And are the officers taught what
- 24 the -- what they have to have so that they can
- 25 make a stop and detention?

- 1 A. What do you mean by have?
- 2 Q. I knew that question was coming.
- 3 Are officers taught that they have to
- 4 have reasonable suspicion to stop and detain?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Okay. And when you all are in
- 7 training, are you given examples about what
- 8 reasonable suspicion is or is not?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Okay. And when is an officer permitted
- 11 to use level 2 force?
- 12 A. When it's reasonable.
- 13 Q. Okay. And when you are reviewing a
- 14 level 2 use of force, what do you consider in
- 15 making a reasonableness determination?
- MS. LLOYD: Objection as to form.
- 17 A. I would consider the policy, the
- 18 training, and Graham versus Connor.
- 19 BY MS. BRATTON:
- Q. Okay. And the policy you're referring
- 21 to, would that be Exhibit 10?
- Go to Exhibit 10.
- 23 A. That is use-of-force policy as it
- 24 existed in 2014, it appears.
- Q. Okay. So would this have been the

- 1 policy in place September of 2014?
- 2 A. I believe so.
- Q. Okay. And do you want officers -- this
- 4 may sound like a funny question.
- 5 But do you want officers using policy
- 6 outside of the division directive?
- 7 MS. LLOYD: Objection as to form.
- 8 A. I don't understand that question.
- 9 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 10 O. The use-of-force division directive --
- 11 it's number 3.25 -- tells officers when and how
- 12 to use force; is that correct?
- 13 MS. LLOYD: Again, I'll just object,
- that the policy speaks for itself as to what
- it says.
- 16 A. Yeah. I'll answer no, it does not
- 17 speak when and how to use force.
- 18 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 19 Q. What does it speak to?
- 20 A. It speaks to the policy of use of
- 21 force. But how use of force is used is a
- 22 training -- is also covered in training in other
- 23 ways.
- Q. Okay. So maybe I need to explain my
- 25 how. My how would be how force is used as far as

- 1 what the force is; so chemical spray or Taser
- 2 or -- I don't want to call it a real gun -- a
- 3 firearm.
- 4 It tells in what situations you are
- 5 supposed to escalate the level of force?
- A. No, it does not.
- 7 Q. Okay. If you could, turn to GB2384.
- 8 A. (Witness complies.)
- 9 Q. And go down to B, where it says, Deadly
- 10 Force. Sworn personnel may use deadly force when
- 11 the involved personnel have reason to believe
- 12 their response is an objectively -- objectively
- 13 reasonable to protect themselves or others from
- 14 the imminent threat of death or serious physical
- 15 harm.
- MS. LLOYD: What's the question?
- MS. BRATTON: Well, if I could get to
- 18 it.
- 19 BY MS. BRATTON:
- Q. So is this asking -- or I'm sorry -- is
- 21 this stating when officers can use deadly
- 22 force?
- MS. LLOYD: Again, I'm going to object.
- 24 It says what it says.
- 25 BY MS. BRATTON:

- 1 Q. You can answer.
- 2 A. The language says, when the involved
- 3 personnel, and it goes on from there.
- 4 Q. Okay. So --
- 5 A. The word when appears in that --
- 6 Q. Okay.
- 7 A. -- paragraph, correct.
- 8 Q. Okay. Should your officers give
- 9 commands one at a time?
- 10 MS. LLOYD: Objection as to form.
- 11 A. Should they give commands one at a
- 12 time?
- I'm -- I'm confused by the question.
- 14 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 15 Q. Are you all taught to give commands one
- 16 at a time?
- MS. LLOYD: Objection as to form.
- 18 A. Individually or -- I'm -- I'm confused.
- 19 I can -- I can only say one thing at a
- 20 time. I'm not capable of making more -- two
- 21 things at one time. So --
- 22 BY MS. BRATTON:
- Q. So I guess what I'm asking is a double,
- 24 so, get out of the car, get on the ground, or,
- 25 get out of the car, suspect gets out of the car;

- 1 get on the ground, suspect gets on the ground;
- 2 put your hands behind your back, put your hands
- 3 behind your back.
- 4 So those are three separate commands.
- 5 Are you taught to say that all at once
- 6 or give a command, have suspect comply, give
- 7 another command, have suspect comply?
- 8 MS. LLOYD: Again, I'm going to object
- 9 as to form.
- 10 A. We give commands in multiple ways.
- 11 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 12 Q. Okay. So there's -- you're not taught
- 13 to allow a suspect to comply before giving a
- 14 second command?
- MS. LLOYD: Objection as to form.
- 16 A. We will often, actually, give more than
- 17 one command at once.
- 18 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 19 Q. Okay. And what about how you all are
- 20 taught about multiple officers giving commands at
- 21 the same time?
- MS. LLOYD: Objection as to form.
- 23 A. Can you clarify it, please?
- 24 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 25 Q. Yes.

- 1 So you and a fellow officer are on
- 2 scene, and there are -- they're giving a
- 3 command -- the other officer is giving a command.
- 4 Are you all taught that one person
- 5 who's on scene is the person to be giving the
- 6 commands?
- 7 A. That's practical but not always
- 8 possible.
- 9 Q. Okay. And what are you all taught
- 10 about -- what are the officers taught about
- 11 giving conflicting commands?
- MS. LLOYD: Objection as to form.
- 13 A. We would attempt to avoid giving
- 14 conflicting commands --
- 15 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 16 Q. Okay.
- 17 A. -- if possible.
- 18 Q. Okay. And if a conflicting command was
- 19 given and the subject of the command -- citizen,
- 20 suspect -- only followed one of the officers'
- 21 commands, would you deem that suspect to not have
- 22 followed commands?
- MS. LLOYD: Objection. Calls for
- 24 speculation and hypothetical.
- 25 A. It's probably a hypothetical. I --

- 1 there are too many possible -- possibilities that
- 2 I wouldn't be able to directly answer that.
- 3 BY MS. BRATTON:
- Q. Okay. If a suspect -- if one -- if a
- 5 suspect is in a car -- or I'll withdraw that.
- 6 Someone is walking down the street, and
- 7 one officer says, get on the ground, the other
- 8 officer says, don't move, and the person doesn't
- 9 move.
- 10 Would you consider the suspect to not
- 11 have followed commands because they didn't get on
- 12 the ground?
- MS. LLOYD: Objection. Calls for
- 14 speculation and hypothetical.
- 15 A. It's too -- I can't answer because
- 16 there's too many variables to answer that
- 17 specifically.
- 18 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 19 Q. What would you need to answer that
- 20 question?
- 21 A. I would need to know whether the
- 22 suspect heard it. What was the suspect's
- 23 actions? What were the suspect's other expressed
- 24 behaviors?
- 25 There's a -- there are -- there are an

- 1 innumerable number of things that would change
- 2 that.
- 3 Q. Okay. A suspect is walking down the
- 4 street -- and if you get this to review, and the
- 5 facts in front of you, in the packet that you
- 6 have, are, a suspect is walking down the street.
- 7 Two officers are in close proximity. The suspect
- 8 has reported that they heard someone say -- or
- 9 the officers say, get on the ground, one of the
- 10 officers say, don't move. The suspect reports
- 11 that they're scared to move because one of the
- officers has told them, don't move, so they don't
- move.
- 14 Would you deem that suspect, based on
- 15 those facts that would be in your packet, to have
- 16 not complied with the commands of the officer who
- 17 told him to get on the ground?
- 18 MS. LLOYD: Again, objection as to the
- 19 form and the long and complicated nature of
- that question. And also, it's speculation
- and generality.
- 22 A. It's not an evaluation I would make,
- 23 because it's not what I evaluate. I evaluate
- 24 officers' policy adherence.
- 25 BY MS. BRATTON:

- 1 Q. Okay. So is there not a policy about
- 2 giving conflicting statements?
- 3 MS. LLOYD: Objection.
- 4 A. No, there is not.
- 5 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 6 Q. And what about training on providing
- 7 conflicting statements?
- 8 MS. LLOYD: Objection as to form.
- 9 A. I don't recall specifically.
- 10 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 11 Q. Okay. What would you look to if you
- 12 were -- if there was an allegation of a suspect
- 13 getting conflicting statements, and you were
- 14 doing any type of review to see if it was within
- 15 policy or not, what would you go to to find out
- 16 whether or not their actions were within --
- MS. LLOYD: Objection.
- 18 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 19 Q. -- policy or training?
- 20 MS. LLOYD: Objection as to form.
- 21 A. Whether their behavior was
- 22 reasonable.
- 23 BY MS. BRATTON:
- Q. Okay. Do you all have a training
- 25 manual?

- 1 A. A training manual? No.
- Q. Okay. So when you go to trainings are
- 3 you given materials, or is it just what you can
- 4 glean in that -- in the classroom?
- 5 MS. LLOYD: Objection as to form of
- 6 that question.
- 7 A. It depends.
- 8 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 9 Q. Okay. So some classes you get
- 10 take-home materials and some classes you don't?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Okay. Excuse me.
- 13 If you could, go back to Exhibit 2,
- 14 GB766.
- 15 A. (Witness complies.)
- 16 Q. And is that your signature, the
- 17 second-to-the-last, where it says, DC Kuebler
- 18 signature?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And so you were the final
- 21 decision-maker in this investigation, correct?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. And when it says, Forwarded 3/2 of '15,
- 24 was that when you closed the investigate -- or
- 25 made the recommendation or closed it out, or is

- 1 that when it was forwarded it to you?
- 2 A. That's when I -- that's when I
- 3 completed my review and forwarded it out.
- 4 O. Okay. And can you tell me what you did
- 5 in the review of this case?
- A. I read -- reviewed the investigation.
- 7 I reviewed the comments from the chain of
- 8 command.
- 9 Q. Okay. Would you have watched the
- 10 cruiser cam that was with it?
- 11 A. I don't remember.
- 12 Q. Okay. Do you usually watch cruiser cam
- if it's included in the packet?
- 14 A. It depends.
- 15 Q. On what?
- 16 A. On whether or not I believe it's
- 17 necessary to review it or not.
- 18 Q. Okay. And what would be a situation
- 19 where you wouldn't feel it was necessary to
- 20 review if there was a video of the incident?
- 21 MS. LLOYD: Objection as to form.
- 22 A. Perhaps if it was sufficiently
- 23 summarized.
- 24 BY MS. BRATTON:
- Q. Okay. Would you look to see if there

- 1 was a difference in the citizen who was
- 2 complaining's version of the story and the
- 3 officer's version of the story?
- 4 A. Sometimes.
- 5 Q. Okay. And if there was a conflict,
- 6 what would make you not look at the video?
- 7 MS. LLOYD: Objection as to form.
- 8 A. There may be additional evidence that
- 9 is sufficient to render -- to make that
- 10 not necessary.
- 11 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 12 Q. Okay. And would you listen to
- 13 dispatch?
- 14 A. Sometimes.
- 15 Q. Okay. Do you remember if you listened
- 16 to dispatch in this case?
- 17 A. I do not remember.
- 18 Q. Okay. Did you ask any follow-up
- 19 questions in this case?
- 20 A. Not that I recall.
- Q. Okay. Did you interview or talk to any
- 22 of the officers, yourself, in this case?
- 23 A. Not that I recall.
- Q. Okay. And can you tell me how you came
- 25 to the conclusion that the officers' actions were

- 1 within policy?
- 2 A. I don't remember this case, so I don't
- 3 recall how I came to that conclusion.
- 4 Q. Okay. If you go to the first page of
- 5 the -- go back one page -- I'm sorry -- first
- 6 page of Exhibit 2, where it says, other materials
- 7 noticed; these would be all of the items that
- 8 would be forwarded to you; is that correct?
- 9 A. That's correct.
- 10 Q. Okay. Do you review the citizen's
- 11 complaint when you review the -- when you review
- 12 the -- I guess, do you call it a packet?
- 13 A. Yeah, that's fine.
- 14 Q. Okay. When you review the packet, do
- 15 you review the citizen's complaint?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Okay. And do you match the complaint
- 18 against what the officer's version of the story
- 19 is?
- 20 A. I don't understand the question.
- Q. Do you look at what the complainant
- 22 says happened and what the officer says
- 23 happened?
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And if there is a discrepancy

- 1 between the two, how do you resolve that?
- 2 A. I look at additional information,
- 3 additional evidence.
- 4 Q. Okay. And did you notice any
- 5 inconsistencies in the evidence in this case?
- A. I do not remember this case.
- 7 Q. Okay. I am going to play for you what
- 8 has been marked as Exhibit 18.
- 9 (Off the record.)
- 10 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 11 Q. Here we go. I'm sorry. We have two
- 12 disks of interviews.
- Okay. I'm going to play for you what's
- 14 been marked previously as Exhibit 21, which is
- 15 the initial complaint of Mr. Dale Phillips.
- 16 (Audio was played.)
- 17 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 18 Q. I'm going to fast-forward a little bit.
- 19 There's a --
- MS. LLOYD: We won't -- okay.
- 21 BY MS. BRATTON:
- Q. There's a lapse. He's on hold for
- 23 about five minutes; unless you want to listen to
- 24 five minutes of dead air.
- MS. LLOYD: Uh-uh.

- 1 (Audio was played.)
- 2 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 3 Q. I'll stop it at 16 minutes and
- 4 25 seconds.
- 5 So you would have listened to -- if
- 6 that was the only complaint that --
- 7 MS. LLOYD: Could we -- because I
- 8 think -- does it go on beyond that, or is
- 9 that the end of it, when you stopped it?
- 10 MS. BRATTON: No, it goes on. If you
- 11 want --
- 12 MS. LLOYD: Okay. I don't know if it's
- 13 more --
- MS. BRATTON: It goes on. It's
- 15 background information about his address and
- when somebody will contact him back. If you
- 17 want to hear the rest of it --
- 18 MS. LLOYD: I don't -- I didn't know
- 19 what it was.
- 20 BY MS. BRATTON:
- Q. If that was the only communication that
- 22 the department had with Mr. Phillips, would you
- 23 have listened to that in the course of your
- 24 investigation?
- 25 A. Not necessarily.

- 1 Q. Okay. When would be a time when you
- 2 would not listen to the complainant's report?
- 3 A. It's fairly frequently that I do not.
- Q. Okay. What do you, then, base the
- 5 complaint off of?
- A. I don't make that decision. I don't
- 7 base the complaints. Internal affairs reduces
- 8 the complaint to writing. I don't do that.
- 9 Q. Okay. You review whether or not
- 10 internal affairs -- you review internal affairs'
- 11 investigations, correct?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Okay. And so if it is not a thorough
- 14 investigation, then you can ask for additional
- 15 information?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. You can go out and interview or talk to
- 18 people yourself, correct?
- 19 A. No, I cannot.
- Q. Okay. So if you are missing
- 21 information, what would you do so that you could
- 22 obtain that information to make that decision
- 23 about whether or not you agree with the
- 24 recommendation from internal?
- 25 A. I can request additional investigation

- 1 if I believe it's necessary.
- Q. Okay. And if part of internal's
- 3 decision in the investigation is based off of the
- 4 complainant's report, would you review the
- 5 complainant's report, in whatever form, audio,
- 6 written?
- 7 MS. LLOYD: Objection as to form.
- 8 A. I'm -- you said, if internal's. Is
- 9 that internal affairs?
- 10 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 11 Q. Yes.
- 12 A. I do not listen to every complainant's
- 13 audio recording.
- 14 Q. Even if the audio recording is
- 15 researched in the complaint -- I'm sorry -- in
- 16 the internal affairs report?
- 17 A. Again, I do not listen to every
- 18 complainant's intake call, no.
- 19 Q. Okay. And what would be a situation
- 20 where you would not listen to an intake call?
- 21 A. If I don't believe it's necessary.
- Q. And why wouldn't an intake call be
- 23 necessary to listen to?
- MS. LLOYD: Objection as to form.
- 25 A. Because we pay people to summarize

- 1 things for me. I don't have the time to review,
- 2 listen to everything. And so that is what the
- 3 internal affairs investigator's responsibility
- 4 is, to summarize it.
- 5 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 6 Q. Okay. And so from that audio, from
- 7 Mr. Phillips' audio, Mr. Phillips stated that he
- 8 was stopped for no reason.
- 9 Did you hear that?
- 10 A. I believe so. I don't remember that
- 11 that was his exact words.
- 12 Q. Okay.
- 13 A. I don't recall.
- MS. LLOYD: If we could just object at
- this point. The video -- or the audio
- speaks for itself. So whatever is on there
- is on there.
- 18 And we have listened to several things.
- 19 We listened to -- his statement went on for
- 20 several minutes.
- MS. BRATTON: I'm going to play the
- 22 tape. I'll start it at 2 minutes and
- 23 10 seconds.
- 24 (Audio was played.)
- 25 BY MS. BRATTON:

- 1 Q. Did you hear, on the call, Mr. Phillips
- 2 said that, they stopped me for no reason?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Okay. And then Mr. Phillips also
- 5 described use of force against him?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Okay. If you turn to Exhibit 2,
- 8 page -- starting at GB769, it looks like the only
- 9 allegation against Officer Blair was use of
- 10 force; is that correct?
- 11 A. That's correct.
- 12 Q. And the only allegation against
- 13 Officer Cazan was use of force?
- 14 A. That's correct.
- 15 Q. And on the next page, GB770, the only
- 16 allegation against Officer McClain was use of
- 17 force?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And Officer Groves, the only allegation
- 20 was use of force?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And so then Mr. Phillips' claim of
- 23 being stopped for no reason was not
- 24 investigated --
- 25 A. I do not know.

- 1 Q. -- as part of this packet that you
- 2 investigated?
- 3 A. I did not investigate it, no.
- 4 Q. Okay. Should it have been made a part
- 5 of this investigation?
- 6 MS. LLOYD: Again, we've had testimony
- 7 on this numerous times. This officer has
- 8 already testified he doesn't recall the
- 9 details here. But we've had testimony from
- 10 IAB already in the record explaining
- 11 Mr. Phillips was charged, and his -- the
- 12 charge of obstructing -- of obstruction of
- official business is proceeding through the
- 14 court system.
- 15 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 16 Q. I'm not asking about Mr. Phillips'
- 17 obstruction of official business charge.
- I am asking about Mr. Phillips'
- 19 accusation in -- or his complaint, his internal
- 20 affairs complaint, that said that he was stopped
- 21 for no reason, and then he detailed the use of
- 22 force.
- So Mr. Phillips made two complaints
- 24 here. We've already established that only one of
- 25 those, the use of force, was investigated.

- 1 My question is, should internal affairs
- 2 have investigated Mr. Phillips' claim of being
- 3 stopped for no reason?
- 4 MS. LLOYD: And the testimony has been
- 5 that the deputy chief has no recollection of
- 6 this. He says he doesn't know what they
- 7 investigated.
- 8 MS. BRATTON: For the record, if
- 9 Counsel could stop directing testimony of
- 10 the witness.
- 11 MS. LLOYD: I'm not directing. I'm
- telling you what he has just testified to.
- 13 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 14 Q. I'm asking you, should internal affairs
- 15 have included all of the claims that -- or all of
- 16 Mr. Phillips' complaints, which were two?
- 17 A. Not necessarily.
- 18 Q. Okay. And why shouldn't internal
- 19 affairs investigate a complaint?
- 20 A. Their SOP would have referenced the
- 21 reasons why they would not investigate
- 22 complaints. There are a multitude of reasons why
- 23 they would not.
- Q. Who's SOP? I'm sorry.
- 25 A. Internal affairs.

- 1 Q. Okay. And you said their -- did you
- 2 say their SOP?
- 3 A. Uh-huh.
- 4 Q. What is an SOP? I'm sorry.
- 5 A. Standard operating procedures.
- 6 Q. Okay. And you signed -- you're the
- 7 final person to sign off on an investigation,
- 8 correct --
- 9 A. Not necessarily.
- 10 Q. -- or this investigation?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Okay. And when you signed off on it,
- 13 did you sign off on what you thought was a
- 14 complete and thorough investigation?
- 15 A. I do not recall this investigation, so
- 16 I do not recall my thinking -- my feelings about
- 17 it.
- 18 Q. Okay. I am going to play what's been
- 19 marked as deposition (sic) Exhibit 3. It is
- 20 the -- the radio dispatch of the call for the
- 21 incident involving Mr. Phillips. I will first
- 22 play 22 hours, 44 minutes, and 22 seconds.
- 23 (Audio was played.)
- 24 BY MS. BRATTON:
- Q. And I'm going to play Exhibit 3 at

- 1 22 minutes -- I'm sorry -- 22 hours, 44 minutes,
- 2 and 32 seconds.
- 3 (Audio was played.)
- 4 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 5 Q. What is the use of dispatch in law
- 6 enforcement?
- 7 MS. LLOYD: Objection as to form.
- 8 A. I'm sorry?
- 9 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 10 Q. What do you all use dispatch for?
- 11 A. Could you describe what you mean by
- 12 dispatch?
- 13 Q. Yeah. So the call that we just heard
- 14 from the dispatcher to a police officer -- or to
- 15 police officers, what do police officers use
- 16 dispatch for?
- MS. LLOYD: Objection as to form.
- 18 A. They use it for many things.
- 19 BY MS. BRATTON:
- Q. They -- do they use it to get the
- 21 description of a suspect?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. Location?
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. Possible means of transportation that a

- 1 suspect is in?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Okay. And -- and in this case, do you
- 4 remember what Mr. Phillips and his passenger's
- 5 race --
- 6 A. I do not.
- 7 Q. -- were?
- 8 Okay. Mr. Phillips is an
- 9 African-American male, and Mr. Phillips'
- 10 passenger was a white woman.
- 11 Based on the dispatch that you just
- 12 heard, do they match the description that
- 13 dispatch called in?
- 14 A. I do not recall.
- Do you want to play it again for me?
- 16 Q. Okay.
- 17 A. I wasn't aware this would be a --
- 18 (Audio was played.)
- 19 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 20 Q. Based on the radio dispatch --
- 21 Mr. Phillips and his passenger -- Mr. Phillips is
- 22 African American, his passenger was a white
- 23 woman.
- Do they match the description of the
- 25 suspects that dispatch put out?

- 1 MS. LLOYD: Objection as to form on
- 2 that question.
- A. I can't answer that.
- 4 The -- I assume that's Mr. Phillips to
- 5 your left?
- 6 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 7 O. Yes.
- 8 A. Mr. Phillips -- and I -- I would say --
- 9 I would not identify him as a black male. His
- 10 skin color is no darker than mine. And so that
- 11 description, at night, I think is very difficult
- 12 to determine at night, whether, to your point, he
- 13 matched it or not.
- 14 O. Okay. What about a dark-skinned black
- 15 woman and a white woman?
- 16 A. What's the question?
- 17 O. If the caller said a female black with
- 18 an orange head wrap and shorts, and the
- 19 individual who was detained is a white woman with
- 20 black pants and nothing on her head, does --
- 21 would she match the description?
- 22 A. I do not know.
- 23 Q. Okay.
- 24 A. Suspects can change clothing, and I
- 25 don't know what this person you're referencing

- 1 looks like. I don't know.
- Q. Okay. If one person is white and one
- 3 person is black, is that the same description?
- 4 A. Yes, it can be.
- 5 Q. Okay. So if a -- if dispatch calls in,
- 6 two white women are running from a bar, your
- 7 officers can stop every black woman they see?
- 8 MS. LLOYD: Objection as to form.
- 9 A. Could you repeat the question?
- 10 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 11 Q. Yes.
- 12 If dispatch calls in, on street A two
- white women just robbed a bar, and black women
- 14 are walking up and down the street, because
- 15 dispatch -- I guess, black and white women can be
- 16 the same, your officers, if they're on the
- 17 street, can stop any black woman on the street,
- 18 even though the description was for two white
- 19 women?
- 20 MS. LLOYD: Objection as to the form of
- 21 that question and the extreme hypothetical.
- 22 A. The hypothetical doesn't contain enough
- 23 information to answer that.
- 24 BY MS. BRATTON:
- Q. Well, you just said that a white person

- 1 and a black person can be the same. So what
- 2 would be the situation where, if dispatch called
- 3 out for a white woman, that your officers could
- 4 stop a black woman?
- 5 MS. LLOYD: Again, objection as to form
- and isolating one factor into a hypothetical
- 7 that doesn't make sense.
- 8 A. I wouldn't be able to answer that
- 9 question.
- 10 MS. BRATTON: Okay. Again, for the
- 11 record, Counsel is directing the witness.
- 12 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 13 Q. So --
- MS. LLOYD: For the record, I'm trying
- to suggest that you ask questions in a more
- 16 direct format that makes sense.
- 17 MS. BRATTON: I don't know how much
- 18 more direct you can get when you're asking
- 19 somebody, if dispatch calls out that a white
- 20 person is running down a street, and black
- 21 women -- a white woman is running down the
- street and black women are running down the
- same street, that they can stop every single
- 24 black woman.
- 25 BY MS. BRATTON:

- 1 Q. So the question, I quess, would be, is
- 2 dispatch irrelevant when police are looking for a
- 3 suspect?
- 4 MS. LLOYD: Again, objection as to the
- 5 form of that question, which combines
- 6 several different questions.
- 7 A. Dispatch is not irrelevant.
- 8 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 9 Q. Okay. So when can officers disregard
- 10 completely a description in -- from dispatch --
- MS. LLOYD: Objection.
- 12 BY MS. BRATTON:
- Q. -- and stop anybody?
- MS. LLOYD: Objection as to the form of
- 15 that question.
- 16 A. Description of race is not a
- 17 particularly discernable characteristic at night,
- 18 in the dark.
- In this room right here, I don't
- 20 believe it's particularly descriptive.
- 21 BY MS. BRATTON:
- Q. Okay. What about if, altogether, race,
- 23 location, and clothing don't match?
- A. It's a hypothetical. And it would be
- 25 not enough facts in that --

- 1 Q. Okay.
- 2 A. -- to determine.
- 3 Q. Okay. I'll give you the facts of this
- 4 case.
- 5 The -- dispatch -- and I can play it
- 6 again -- specifically said that they were loading
- 7 items in through the back door, and then again,
- 8 when there was clarification, through the rear of
- 9 the building. Mr. Phillips was on the side of
- 10 the building.
- 11 Officer Blair, who was one of the
- 12 responding officers, responded within seconds,
- 13 she said.
- 14 The street that Mr. Phillips was on is
- 15 a one-way street.
- The alley that the back door is on --
- 17 actually, let me --
- 18 MS. LLOYD: The back door is not on an
- 19 alley.
- 20 BY MS. BRATTON:
- Q. If you could, turn to Exhibit 22.
- 22 A. (Witness complies.)
- Q. Okay. Mr. Phillips was on the street
- 24 by where you see that red door. So he's on the
- 25 street going down the correct path that the

- 1 street goes on, the direct one-way that the
- 2 street goes on.
- 3 MS. LLOYD: Again, I have to -- to the
- 4 extent that you are representing these are
- 5 the facts of record, I can interject and say
- those aren't the facts of record, but I'm
- 7 obviously not going to interject on the
- 8 facts into your question.
- 9 MS. BRATTON: Well, for the record, no
- one has testified that Mr. Phillips was
- 11 parked or driving the wrong way on the
- 12 one-way street.
- MS. LLOYD: But there has been
- 14 testimony as to whether he was stopped or
- 15 driving.
- MS. BRATTON: And I, in my example, did
- 17 not give whether he was stopped or
- 18 driving --
- 19 MS. LLOYD: You said the word moving.
- 20 MS. BRATTON: -- said was on the
- 21 street.
- No, I didn't. I said on the street.
- 23 BY MS. BRATTON:
- Q. And this is the building that is -- was
- 25 alleged to be burglarized.

- 1 And there has been testimony that there
- 2 is a door in the back of the building.
- 3 MS. LLOYD: There was also testimony
- 4 there is a door right where he was parked.
- 5 MS. BRATTON: Correct, which is why I
- said, Mr. Phillips, on the street, by the
- 7 store.
- 8 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 9 Q. And so there are -- there is a side
- 10 door to this building and there is a back door to
- 11 that building.
- 12 Dispatch says, back door. Mr. Phillips
- is on the street, side door.
- 14 Would you agree that, out of
- 15 everything, the back door and the side door are
- 16 two different things?
- 17 A. No, I would not.
- 18 Q. Okay. So then a back door and a side
- 19 door can be the same thing. A white suspect and
- 20 a black suspect can be the same.
- 21 And what about clothing, someone
- 22 wearing an orange head wrap and shorts, and then
- 23 when you pull the car over seconds later, someone
- 24 having on black pants?
- MS. LLOYD: There is no testimony

- that -- that the officer who pulled the
- 2 truck over could see the passenger below the
- 3 waist. That is testimony on record.
- 4 A. And I don't believe you asked me a
- 5 question.
- 6 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 7 O. Yes. If -- is there a difference
- 8 between a woman with an orange head wrap and
- 9 shorts and a woman with black pants on?
- 10 A. Perhaps.
- 11 Q. Okay. What -- what is the ambiguity?
- 12 A. People change clothing. People can
- 13 change clothing.
- 14 O. In a matter --
- 15 A. Clothing can be described inaccurately
- 16 by people who call us.
- 17 Q. Okay.
- 18 A. And often that is the case.
- 19 Q. So that -- that's my question about the
- 20 role of dispatch.
- 21 Because here, the individuals who were
- 22 stopped, the clothing doesn't match. The
- 23 individuals who were stopped, the race doesn't
- 24 match. The individuals who were stopped, the
- 25 location of the vehicle doesn't match.

- 1 So what, then -- everything that
- 2 dispatch has communicated has been -- is
- 3 irrelevant then?
- 4 MS. LLOYD: Again, I'm going to object
- 5 as to Counsel's attempt to characterize the
- 6 testimony to date and also to characterize
- 7 dispatch.
- 8 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 9 Q. My question is, what is the role of
- 10 dispatch if everything that dispatch called
- 11 matches -- does not match the person who is
- 12 stopped?
- MS. LLOYD: And, again, objection as to
- 14 calling a -- calling for a hypothetical.
- 15 A. I object to the premise that -- you
- 16 have not demonstrated to me that they don't
- 17 match.
- 18 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 19 Q. Okay. So before we get into that, can
- 20 we agree that dispatch said, two male whites
- 21 with -- one with a gray coat?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Can we agree that dispatch said, one
- 24 female, black, with an orange wrap around her
- 25 head, wearing shorts?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Can we agree that dispatch said, the
- 3 suspects are carrying items out of the back
- 4 door?
- 5 A. Yes.
- Q. And then when she clarified it, she
- 7 said the rear of the building?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And that the suspect -- or I'm sorry --
- 10 that the caller can't see the vehicle?
- 11 A. I don't recall.
- 12 Q. Okay.
- 13 (Audio was played.)
- 14 BY MS. BRATTON:
- Q. Can we agree that dispatch said, the
- 16 caller can't see the items that they're loading
- 17 the vehicle in -- or can't see the vehicle that
- 18 they're loading the items into?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And then at 22 hours,
- 21 45 minutes, and 32 seconds, I'm going to replay.
- 22 (Audio was played.)
- 23 BY MS. BRATTON:
- Q. And from 0 to 2 seconds, dispatch just
- 25 said, caller says they're all back inside?

- 1 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. I am playing Exhibit 3 at
- 3 22 hours, 48 minutes, and 25 seconds.
- 4 (Audio was played.)
- 5 BY MS. BRATTON:
- Q. And would you agree that 9 -- well,
- 7 Officer 9191 is Officer Jean Byrne, and that
- 8 Officer 9191 said that it was a female, white?
- 9 A. That's two questions. I'm sorry.
- 10 Q. I'm sorry.
- 11 A. You asked me if 9191 was Jean Byrne,
- 12 and then --
- 13 Q. No. I'm sorry. I'm telling you
- 14 9191 is Jean Byrne --
- 15 A. Okay.
- 16 Q. -- in case I, instead of calling her by
- 17 her badge number, I call her Officer Byrne down
- 18 the line.
- 19 Office Byrne said that it was a female,
- 20 white?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And I'm going to play the
- 23 cruiser camera, which has previously been marked
- 24 as Exhibit 16.
- 25 (Video was played.)

- 1 BY MS. BRATTON:
- Q. And were you able to see the white
- 3 woman who Officer Byrne described as running off,
- 4 in the dispatch, on the video?
- 5 A. I see her a little bit, but I wouldn't
- 6 hazard a guess to her race.
- 7 Q. Okay. Officer Byrne said she was
- 8 white; is that correct?
- 9 A. That's what Officer Byrne said.
- 10 Q. Okay. And did you recognize her to
- 11 have on black pants in this video?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Okay. Okay. Would you agree that,
- 14 from what you saw on tape, the black pants and
- 15 what Officer Byrne said was a white woman, so a
- 16 white woman with black pants, does not match the
- 17 description of a female, black, with an orange
- 18 wrap around her head and shorts?
- 19 A. No, I would not.
- Q. You -- you would say that they're
- 21 different; is that correct?
- 22 A. I'm saying that they could be the
- 23 same.
- Q. Okay. And in this investigation, did
- 25 you -- or I'm sorry -- in this review, did you --

- 1 did they investigate that?
- 2 A. I do not recall.
- 3 Q. Did you ask follow-up questions about
- 4 it?
- 5 A. I don't believe so.
- 6 Q. Okay. And what about a male, white,
- 7 with a gray coat? Did you ask follow-up
- 8 questions about whether there was a gray coat
- 9 found in Mr. Phillips' car?
- 10 A. I don't believe I did.
- 11 Q. Okay. Did you ask questions about the
- 12 number of suspects, being Mr. Phillips and a
- 13 woman, as opposed to the three that the caller
- 14 reported?
- 15 A. Not that I recall.
- 16 Q. Did you ask any follow-up questions
- 17 about the location of Mr. Phillips' vehicle as
- 18 opposed to the location that dispatch gave?
- 19 A. Not that I recall.
- Q. Could you have?
- 21 A. Could I have, meaning, am I possibly
- incorrect, or could I as in, am I allowed to do
- 23 that?
- Q. No; possibly incorrect.
- 25 So are you saying that you don't

- 1 remember or --
- 2 A. I don't remember asking that. There's
- 3 no indication in my notes that I did.
- Q. Okay. So then would it be -- in your
- 5 determination, there were -- or there was no
- 6 investigation in the chain of command that you --
- 7 the investigation that you reviewed in this
- 8 particular chain of command, which is Exhibit 2,
- 9 GB766 --
- 10 A. I'm sorry. What's the question?
- 11 Q. -- that no one -- oh, I'm sorry -- just
- in this chain of command, that Mr. Phillips'
- 13 complaint of being stopped for no reason was not
- 14 investigated?
- 15 MS. LLOYD: Again, I'm going to object
- to the form of that question.
- 17 This was a lengthy investigation.
- 18 What is your question to him?
- 19 BY MS. BRATTON:
- Q. Did you not hear my question?
- 21 A. I -- I don't understand it.
- 22 Q. Okay. Did anyone in this chain of
- 23 command, going to you, signing off on it,
- 24 investigate and make a decision about whether or
- 25 not Mr. Phillips was stopped for no reason?

- 1 A. I don't remember what's all included in
- 2 this investigation.
- 3 Q. Okay. We can take a minute, if you
- 4 want to look at it.
- 5 This was given to me as the
- 6 investigation with those videos. And I can play
- 7 all of them, if you want, so we can get the
- 8 entire investigation.
- 9 A. It is 70 pages long.
- 10 O. This is all that I have.
- 11 A. So you want me to read it and then
- 12 answer you?
- 13 Q. Yes. I mean, if you don't remember, I
- 14 do.
- 15 A. I don't remember.
- 16 Q. Okay. Yes, if you could, review it.
- MS. LLOYD: What is question that he's
- 18 reviewing?
- 19 MS. BRATTON: Well, he doesn't remember
- 20 anything about the investigation, and I'm
- 21 asking about the investigation --
- MS. LLOYD: What specifically are you
- 23 asking?
- 24 BY MS. BRATTON:
- Q. Would this refresh your memory, if you

- 1 looked at the investigation?
- 2 A. You asked one question, whether -- I'm
- 3 sorry. Would you repeat the question?
- 4 O. Yes.
- 5 Would reviewing your inves -- this
- 6 investigative packet refresh your memory about
- 7 how you came to the conclusion that Mr. -- that
- 8 the stop and use of force against Mr. Phillips
- 9 was within policy?
- 10 A. That is not the question you just asked
- 11 me.
- 12 Q. No, I'm asking you that now. I'm
- 13 sorry.
- 14 A. No, it would not help me do that.
- 15 Q. Okay. So what would help you determine
- 16 what you based your decision off of?
- 17 A. Nothing. That was three years ago. I
- 18 don't remember how I made a decision three years
- 19 ago.
- 20 Since then, I'm sitting in front of you
- 21 and watching different videos. I see the
- 22 individual that brought the complaint in front of
- 23 me. The facts have changed.
- 24 So I don't remember how I came to that
- 25 conclusion three years ago.

- 1 Q. So the video would be the same as three
- 2 years ago, correct?
- 3 A. Correct.
- 4 Q. Okay. Dispatch would be the same as
- 5 three years ago?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 Q. Okay. Every single piece of paper in
- 8 here would be the same as three years ago?
- 9 A. Correct.
- 10 Q. Okay. So --
- 11 A. However, my review would be different
- 12 today than it was three years ago.
- 13 Q. Okay. I'm just asking you how you came
- 14 to this conclusion.
- 15 A. And I don't recall.
- 16 Q. Okay. So if we had a trial in this
- 17 matter, and you were asked to support your
- 18 investigation, your answer would be, you don't
- 19 remember?
- 20 A. That's a different question.
- Q. Okay. Well, could you support your
- 22 review?
- 23 A. From three years ago?
- 24 Q. Yes.
- MS. LLOYD: He's just said he doesn't

- 1 recall.
- 2 A. No, I don't recall how I did it three
- 3 years ago.
- 4 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 5 Q. Okay. So that -- that is my -- that is
- 6 my question. I want to make sure for the
- 7 record -- because this may go to trial. And so
- 8 if we're in trial, I don't want to be surprised
- 9 if your attorneys or the attorneys for the City
- 10 ask you, so tell me about your investigation,
- 11 then all of a sudden, you know everything about
- 12 it.
- So my question to you is -- is that,
- 14 you don't, at this point, remember any --
- 15 anything about how you came to the conclusion
- 16 that the officers were within policy?
- 17 A. That is correct, I do not remember how
- 18 I came to a conclusion three years ago.
- 19 Q. Okay. And so going through just the
- 20 facts of the case, that -- okay.
- 21 Sitting here today, is it fair to say
- 22 that you don't remember whether or not you
- 23 listened to any of the tapes or recordings in
- 24 this case?
- 25 A. I do not remember.

- 1 Q. Okay. Sitting here today, do you
- 2 remember whether you read all of the officers'
- 3 statements?
- 4 A. I do not remember.
- 5 Q. Okay. Sitting here today, do you
- 6 remember whether or not you compared any officer
- 7 statements to any of the complaint?
- 8 A. I do not remember.
- 9 Q. Okay. Sitting here today, do you
- 10 remember whether -- if there were any
- 11 inconsistencies in the officers' account of the
- 12 incident that you followed up on, on those
- 13 inconsistencies?
- 14 A. I think it's -- I -- it feels like
- 15 there's multiple questions in there.
- I did not follow up on any
- inconsistencies that I'm aware of.
- 18 Q. Okay. Do you remember whether you
- 19 found inconsistencies to follow up on?
- 20 A. I do not remember.
- Q. Okay. Do you remember if you read any
- 22 of the packet, any of the documents in the
- 23 packet?
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. And which documents?

- 1 A. I don't remember.
- 2 Q. Okay. So you don't remember if you
- 3 read all of them or some of them?
- 4 A. I don't remember.
- 5 Q. Okay. I am going to play what has been
- 6 marked as Exhibit 21. And I'm going to play
- 7 Officer Byrne's interview.
- 8 And that's B-y-r-n-e.
- 9 (Audio was played.)
- 10 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 11 Q. I'm going to stop at 2 minutes and
- 12 52 seconds.
- 13 Did -- and I can repeat it.
- 14 But did you hear Officer Byrne inform
- 15 the IAB investigator that they got a call that
- 16 the truck was involved in a 10-8?
- 17 A. I don't recall if that was the exact
- 18 same language, but that was the gist of it.
- 19 Q. Okay. And after hearing the dispatch,
- 20 Mr. Phillips' truck was not described in
- 21 dispatch; is that correct?
- 22 A. That's correct.
- Q. Okay. So then that's -- well -- and,
- 24 in fact, dispatch said that they can't see the
- 25 vehicle; is that correct?

- 1 A. I believe so.
- Q. And did you follow up on that
- 3 inconsistency in Officer Byrne's statement?
- 4 MS. LLOYD: I'm going to object to the
- 5 extent that you've characterized that as an
- 6 inconsistency.
- 7 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 8 Q. Do you -- based on your job of
- 9 reviewing facts in an investigation, if a
- 10 dispatch says that they can't see a vehicle, and
- 11 an officer says that the vehicle they stopped is
- 12 the vehicle described, is that an inconsistency?
- 13 A. Not necessarily.
- 14 Q. Why wouldn't it be an inconsistency?
- 15 A. Can you repeat the question again?
- 16 Q. Yes.
- 17 So if dispatch says, can't see the
- 18 vehicle, and your officer reports that dispatch
- 19 gave you a specific vehicle, gave you a truck, is
- 20 that an inconsistency in what dispatch reported
- 21 and what the officer reported?
- 22 A. It's a word-for-word inconsistency,
- 23 yes.
- Q. Okay. And did you follow up on that
- 25 inconsistency?

- 1 MS. LLOYD: Again, objection as to form
- as to whether or not that's inconsistent
- 3 with the facts in this case.
- A. I believe I've said it before, I don't
- 5 recall following up with anything on the case.
- 6 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 7 Q. Okay. And I am going to play, on
- 8 Exhibit 21 -- what has previously been marked
- 9 Exhibit 21, Officer Blair's interview.
- 10 MS. LLOYD: Is that the same --
- 11 MS. BRATTON: No. We played Officer
- 12 Byrne's -- Exhibit 21 is the complete disk
- of internal affairs recordings.
- 14 (Audio was played.)
- 15 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 16 Q. I'm going to stop at 12 minutes and
- 17 11 seconds.
- 18 Was there any follow-up as to the
- 19 officers being unable to see or Officer Blair not
- 20 being able to see what was going on and almost
- 21 handcuffing Officer Groves?
- 22 A. What -- I don't know.
- 23 Q. Okay.
- A. There's a whole bunch of additional
- 25 interviews, I suspect, after this. I don't know

- 1 if that was followed up on after that. I don't
- 2 know. I haven't heard that entire interview.
- 3 Q. Okay. I can play the rest of it. I --
- 4 but what I'm asking is, in your investigation --
- 5 in your review of the investigation, do you
- 6 remember any follow-up regarding
- 7 Officer Groves -- Officer Blair almost
- 8 handcuffing Officer Groves?
- 9 A. I don't remember any.
- 10 Q. And is that something that you would
- 11 want to know when you're conducting an
- 12 investigation?
- MS. LLOYD: Again, objection as to
- 14 form.
- 15 A. Not necessarily.
- 16 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 17 Q. Okay. So would you want to know, in an
- 18 investigation where the accusation is that a
- 19 suspect is -- is resisting and not allowing their
- 20 arms to be controlled by officers, whether or not
- 21 it was actually their arms flailing or one of the
- 22 officers' arms flailing?
- MS. LLOYD: Again, objection as to form
- and the hypothetical nature of that
- 25 question.

- 1 A. I don't know how to answer that without
- 2 more details or some clarification.
- 3 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 4 O. Yes.
- 5 So Officer Blair, in her IAB interview,
- 6 said that there was a melee of officers.
- 7 Did you hear that?
- 8 A. Uh-huh. Yes.
- 9 Q. That they all had on white shirts and
- 10 Mr. Phillips had on a white shirt.
- 11 A. I don't recall that, but --
- 12 (Audio was played.)
- 13 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 14 Q. Okay. Did you hear that Mr. Phillips
- 15 had on a white shirt?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Okay. And that Officer Blair almost
- 18 handcuffed Officer Groves?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And did you hear Officer Blair
- 21 say that Officer Groves had Mr. Phillips' left
- 22 arm and she had his right arm?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And if you would, go to --
- MS. BRATTON: Did we bring Exhibit 28?

- 1 THE REPORTER: (Indicating.)
- 2 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 3 Q. This has previously been marked as
- 4 Exhibit 28. It is the transcript of Mr. -- or of
- 5 Officer Groves' internal affairs interview.
- 6 A. Okay.
- 7 Q. And it's page 10, starting at line 6,
- 8 Officer Groves says that Chad -- who is Officer
- 9 Cazan -- had Mr. Phillips's left arm and that he
- 10 had Mr. Phillips' right arm.
- 11 Is that accurate?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Okay. And so in a review, based on
- 14 what Officer Blair has said as far as the melee
- 15 and confusing Officer Groves' arm -- almost
- 16 handcuffing Officer Groves' arm, would you have
- 17 wanted to know how the officers determined that
- 18 it was actually Mr. Phillips who they were
- 19 struggling with?
- 20 MS. LLOYD: Objection as to form.
- 21 A. Are you -- is the assumption that I
- 22 knew that information at the time, or is this
- 23 hypothetical?
- 24 BY MS. BRATTON:
- Q. No. I'm saying if, in your review

- 1 of -- well, maybe you -- okay.
- 2 A. I don't know how --
- 3 Q. Maybe you didn't know if you -- okay.
- 4 So you don't know if you reviewed what Officer
- 5 Blair said happened?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 Q. Okay.
- 8 A. I know I didn't have a transcript from
- 9 Elite transcribing.
- 10 Q. Okay. But the IAB interviews, you
- 11 would have had access to, correct?
- 12 A. Correct.
- 13 Q. Okay. And those would have been
- 14 conducted prior to your final signing-off on
- 15 it?
- 16 A. Correct.
- 17 Q. Okay. And reviewing an investigation,
- 18 would you have expected the investigators to have
- 19 investigated or figured out how they came to the
- 20 determination that it was actually Mr. Phillips
- 21 who was the person resisting on the ground?
- 22 A. Not necessarily.
- 23 Q. Okay.
- 24 A. Not to the specific -- specificity of
- 25 your question.

- 1 Q. Would you have wanted them to
- 2 investigate whether or not Mr. Phillips was
- 3 resisting at all on the ground?
- 4 A. The investigation, I believe, was --
- 5 allegation was that they used force.
- Q. Yes.
- 7 A. And that's what I would expect the
- 8 investigator would investigate.
- 9 Q. Okay. So can they use force on someone
- 10 who is complying and not resisting?
- 11 A. That's a specific question. I can't
- 12 answer based on how you would review a force
- 13 application.
- 14 Q. When you -- can an officer Mace a
- 15 citizen who is complying with their orders and
- 16 not resisting them?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And what would be a situation where you
- 19 could Mace a compliant person who is not
- 20 resisting an officer?
- 21 A. There are -- for example, you could
- 22 have someone who is blocking access to an
- 23 emergency, who are doing things that are not
- 24 specifically resistive, but are causing harm or
- 25 injury to others because of their actions.

- 1 Q. Okay. And if someone would be blocking
- 2 a -- in an emergency, would you expect the
- 3 officer to say, get out of the way?
- 4 A. Not necessarily.
- 5 Q. Okay. So then, just to be clear, your
- officers don't have to give any warning, they can
- 7 just Mace someone or give a command?
- 8 MS. LLOYD: Objection as to form.
- 9 A. That's not what I said.
- 10 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 11 Q. Okay. So the question -- one of the
- 12 examples you gave was someone in an emergency,
- 13 blocking traffic, you can use Mace on them.
- So my question is, does an officer have
- 15 to say, get out of the way, or can an officer
- 16 just walk up and Mace them in the face?
- 17 MS. LLOYD: Objection as to form of the
- 18 question and as to the hypothetical that's
- 19 not related to this case.
- 20 A. It doesn't assume all the
- 21 possibilities. I can't answer that question.
- 22 BY MS. BRATTON:
- Q. Okay. I'm trying to figure out when
- 24 you would approve an investigation or exonerate
- 25 an officer who Maced a person, a citizen, who was

- 1 fully compliant and who was not resisting.
- MS. LLOYD: Objection. Calls for a
- 3 hypothetical.
- 4 A. You changed your presupposition.
- 5 That's -- you -- you're changing it every time.
- 6 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 7 Q. Yes. Well, that's the question I'm
- 8 asking now.
- 9 A. I don't have enough details to make a
- 10 decision.
- 11 Q. Okay. So I just want to be clear for
- 12 the record that Columbus police are permitted to
- 13 Mace a fully compliant citizen who is not
- 14 resisting.
- MS. LLOYD: Objection as to form of
- 16 that, or as to your statement as to the
- 17 Columbus police.
- 18 A. That is not what I said, for the
- 19 record.
- 20 BY MS. BRATTON:
- Q. Okay. Are Columbus police able to Mace
- 22 a fully compliant, nonresisting citizen?
- 23 A. Your definitions of compliant, your
- 24 definitions of resisting, et cetera, make that
- 25 question un -- unanswerable.

- 1 Q. Okay. The definition of not resisting
- 2 is, they're not running away from an officer,
- 3 they're not kicking, they're not punching,
- 4 they're not flailing. They are asking, what do
- 5 you want me to do.
- The definition of fully compliant is,
- 7 the officer gives them a command and they follow
- 8 the command. They're doing what the officer is
- 9 telling them to do when the officer gives
- 10 commands, and they're asking the officer, what do
- 11 you want me to do.
- 12 And the officer is in no harm and no
- 13 citizens are in harm.
- 14 Are they permitted to Mace an
- 15 individual?
- 16 MS. LLOYD: Again, I'm going to object
- 17 to this hypothetical.
- 18 And what is the basis for the use of
- 19 Mace?
- 20 A. If it is reasonable, yes.
- 21 BY MS. BRATTON:
- Q. Okay. And in that situation, why would
- 23 it be reasonable to Mace a fully compliant,
- 24 nonfighting, nonflight suspect -- or ind --
- 25 citizen?

- 1 MS. LLOYD: Objection as to it's a
- 2 hypothetical.
- 3 A. It's a hypothetical. With additional
- 4 facts, it would make it reasonable.
- 5 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 6 Q. Okay. You get packets and you review
- 7 packets of information, correct?
- 8 A. Correct.
- 9 Q. And you base your decision off of the
- 10 information that are in the packets, correct?
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 Q. And so if you get a packet and
- 13 everything in it is condensed down to three
- 14 paragraphs, like in Mr. Phillips' investigation,
- 15 recommendation of findings -- and it's condensed
- 16 into three paragraphs, and those paragraphs say
- 17 the person was complying and the person was not
- 18 resisting and the officer Maced them, what
- 19 additional information, then, would you need to
- 20 either sustain the allegation or to exonerate the
- 21 officer?
- 22 A. I've never seen such an
- 23 investigation.
- Q. Okay. So what I'm saying is, in
- 25 that -- in that instance, based on Columbus

- 1 police use-of-force policy with Mace, in that
- 2 situation, if an individual was complying and an
- 3 individual was not resisting and those facts were
- 4 before you in a recommendation of finding,
- 5 then would --
- 6 MS. LLOYD: Of finding what?
- 7 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 8 Q. Investigator's recommendation of
- 9 finding, so I'm assuming that you all find that
- 10 it was -- an allegation was exonerated,
- 11 sustained, or you couldn't make a determination.
- 12 Are those the three findings that you
- 13 all have?
- 14 A. No.
- Q. What are the findings that you all
- 16 have?
- 17 A. I would likely reference the directive
- 18 specifically, but there are more than that.
- 19 Q. Okay. Do you know what directive those
- 20 are in?
- 21 A. It would be in the complaint
- 22 directive.
- Q. If you could, go to Exhibit 2, GB782.
- A. (Witness complies.)
- Q. And it looks like halfway down -- well,

- 1 actually, let me see. The below listed items are
- 2 included in this investigation, and the
- 3 investigator, Sergeant Johnson, says that a copy
- 4 of the wagon's arbitrator video footage is
- 5 available, or included; is that correct?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. A copy of the CAD is included, correct?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. A copy of Officer Blair's Premier One
- 10 report and U-10-100 is included?
- MS. LLOYD: Are you saying, is that
- what's on this page?
- We'll stipulate that what's on the page
- is on the page.
- 15 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 16 Q. Would you agree that that's included?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Okay. Sergeant Rector's administrative
- 19 packet is included?
- 20 A. That's what it states.
- Q. And photographs are included,
- 22 correct?
- 23 A. I don't know if photographs were
- 24 included.
- Q. Okay, does it say on here that

- 1 photographs, pages 34 through 36, are included in
- 2 this investigation?
- 3 A. Yes, it says that.
- 4 Q. Okay. And then the investigator made a
- 5 recommendation of findings on one allegation; is
- 6 that correct?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 O. Okay. And the officers involved that
- 9 the investigator were -- was looking at, the use
- 10 of force, was Blair, Cazan, McClain, and Groves,
- 11 right?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Okay. And the first line, Mr. Phillips
- 14 has stated that the force used on him was
- 15 unnecessary, including being Maced.
- 16 When you are reviewing a use of force,
- 17 what do you expect the investigator to have
- 18 included in a report for you to make that
- 19 determination?
- 20 A. A sufficient amount of facts to prove
- 21 or disprove the allegation.
- Q. And do you review all of those facts?
- 23 A. I review the packet I'm forwarded.
- Q. Okay. But you've already said you
- 25 won't review parts of the packet, you don't

- 1 always review all of it?
- 2 A. That's correct.
- 3 Q. Okay. So how do you, then, know that
- 4 you are looking at all of the pertinent
- 5 information to make a decision that force was
- 6 necessary or unnecessary?
- 7 MS. LLOYD: Again, objection as to form
- 8 of that question, as to the qualification
- 9 necessary or unnecessary, which is not the
- 10 accurate terminology.
- 11 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 12 Q. Okay. Did you change Mr. Johns -- or
- 13 Sergeant Johnson's wording when he said
- 14 Mr. Phillips stated that the force used on him
- 15 was unnecessary, including being Maced?
- MS. LLOYD: Mr. -- that's the
- 17 complaint.
- 18 A. I'm sorry. Did I change what?
- I didn't change anything, no.
- 20 BY MS. BRATTON:
- Q. Did you -- the second sentence,
- 22 Mr. Phillips admitted he was not following
- 23 instructions when he was asked to step away
- 24 from his vehicle -- we listened to Mr. --
- 25 Mr. Phillips' complaint.

- 1 Where in -- or do you remember
- 2 Mr. Phillips saying that he did not follow the
- 3 officer's instructions to step away from his
- 4 vehicle?
- 5 A. I don't remember.
- 6 Q. Okay. Do you want me to -- I'll play
- 7 it again. This is Exhibit 21, Dale Phillips'
- 8 complaint.
- 9 A. Can I state, I don't know what --
- 10 (Audio was played.)
- 11 A. -- you're referencing to. I don't know
- 12 that this is referencing this audio call.
- 13 BY MS. BRATTON:
- Q. Okay. Mr. Phillips made one complaint,
- 15 which is the audio. So if there was something
- 16 else Mr. Phillips said, do you know -- or any
- 17 other complaints that were based on the
- 18 investigator's recommendations of finding should
- 19 have been included in the packet?
- 20 A. Not necessarily.
- Q. Okay. So what instance would the
- 22 investigator put a finding and not have any
- 23 documentation to support it?
- 24 A. I'm sorry. What?
- Q. If the investigator makes a finding of

- 1 fact, should there be a document, a video, a
- 2 recording to -- that the investigator based that
- 3 fact on?
- 4 A. Not necessarily.
- 5 Q. Okay. So then where would the fact
- 6 come from?
- 7 A. Perhaps a one-on-one conversation that
- 8 was not recorded, perhaps a discussion with
- 9 somebody else, who may have stated to somebody
- 10 else.
- 11 Q. So IAB does not have to record all
- 12 their conversations?
- 13 A. Not necessarily.
- 14 Q. Is that policy?
- 15 A. I don't oversee internal affairs.
- 16 Q. Okay.
- 17 A. I don't -- I'm unfamiliar with their
- 18 SOP.
- 19 Q. Okay. So then are you not sure whether
- 20 or not they have to record all of their
- 21 interactions, or are you saying they don't have
- 22 to?
- 23 A. I don't know.
- 24 Q. Okay.
- 25 A. But I do know that oftentimes things

- 1 break, and recordings that you think you made
- 2 don't necessarily get made. So it's certainly
- 3 possible that a discussion occurs and it's not
- 4 recorded.
- 5 Also, you're referencing exclusively
- 6 that Sergeant Johnson -- I don't know what
- 7 Mr. Phillips said to the investigating supervisor
- 8 that night.
- 9 Q. Okay. When the investigating
- 10 supervisor takes a statement from an arrestee, is
- 11 that supposed to be -- is the statement to be
- 12 recorded anywhere?
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. Okay. The second paragraph of -- same
- 15 page, when the officers arrived, a vehicle with
- 16 occupants that matched the description of the
- 17 suspects was seen pulling away from the vehicle
- 18 (sic).
- 19 And we've already talked about the
- 20 differences in clothing and race, correct?
- 21 A. Yes, we've discussed that.
- Q. Okay. And where it says, Mr. Phillips
- 23 began to resist. The officer used force that was
- 24 reasonable to gain control of Mr. Phillips.
- 25 Would you expect internal affairs, in their

- 1 investigation that you sign off on, to have
- 2 investigated Mr. Phillips' version of what
- 3 happened and the officers' version of what
- 4 happened?
- 5 A. Not necessarily.
- 6 Q. Okay. And at what -- what would
- 7 warrant the complete -- or what would warrant not
- 8 considering Mr. Phillips' statement?
- 9 A. His refusal to talk to the
- 10 investigators.
- 11 Q. Okay. If Mr. Phillips gave a statement
- 12 to the investigators, would you expect them to at
- 13 least listen to the statement that was given?
- 14 A. To the intake call?
- 15 Q. Yes.
- 16 A. Perhaps.
- 17 Q. Okay. And what would be a situation
- 18 when they -- you would not expect them --
- 19 A. I don't oversee internal affairs. I
- 20 can imagine myself, but I don't oversee internal
- 21 affairs, to know what their specific policies
- 22 are.
- Q. Okay. If internal affairs does not do
- 24 a thorough investigation, then how can you review
- 25 and recommended that an officer be exonerated or

- 1 that they -- that is's sustained or the plethora
- of findings that the department can have?
- 3 MS. LLOYD: Objection as to form and --
- 4 well, objection as to form.
- 5 A. Could you repeat the question, please?
- 6 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 7 Q. Yes.
- 8 You -- if you -- if internal affairs
- 9 does not do a thorough investigation, how can you
- 10 make a recommendation on -- or a finding -- a
- 11 recommendation for a finding?
- 12 A. I would make my recommendation based on
- 13 a thorough investigation --
- 14 Q. Okay.
- 15 A. -- to my satisfaction.
- 16 Q. Okay. And so you, then, are satisfied
- 17 if internal affairs does not consider what the
- 18 arrestee or suspect says?
- 19 MS. LLOYD: Objection as to the form of
- that question.
- 21 And, again, we're into a realm of
- 22 hypotheticals here and speculation.
- A. It's a hypothetical. I'm not able to
- 24 answer.
- MS. BRATTON: For the record, every

1	time that Counsel objects to a hypothetical,
2	the witness then responds, it is a
3	hypothetical, and that they can't answer.
4	MS. LLOYD: Why don't we stick to this
5	case and ask some direct questions?
6	MS. BRATTON: Why don't you ask the
7	questions that you want to ask when it's
8	your turn and allow me to answer and ask
9	mine?
10	MS. LLOYD: We've been extremely
11	patient with this line of questioning all
12	day.
13	MS. BRATTON: Well, I think that it
14	is if an investigation exonerates an
15	officer in a use-of-force accusation, that
16	it is not crazy to want to know how the
17	officer came to that conclusion.
18	MS. LLOYD: And we have the entire
19	investigation here. And as you know, you
20	have already deposed the investigating IAB
21	sergeant.
22	MS. BRATTON: Yes. And there are one,
23	two, three, four, five six people who
24	make a decision as to
25	MS. LLOYD: Well, let's ask about the

- 1 six then.
- MS. BRATTON: -- the reasonableness.
- 3 So I can ask someone who is a
- 4 decision-maker on, presumably --
- 5 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 6 Q. How many use-of-force investigations
- 7 have you reviewed and made recommendations on?
- 8 A. Hundreds.
- 9 Q. Okay. So you've made hundreds of
- 10 decisions?
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 Q. Okay. So in your hundreds of
- 13 decisions, would you expect an investigator to at
- 14 least listen to the complainant's version of what
- 15 happened?
- 16 A. Not every use-of-force investiator --
- 17 investigation comes through internal affairs.
- 18 Q. Okay. If it comes through internal
- 19 affairs and -- Mr. Phillips and came through
- 20 internal affairs. Mr. Phillips made a call.
- 21 Mr. Phillips' call was recorded. Mr. Phillips
- 22 was detailed in what his version of events were.
- Would you have expected them, the
- 24 investigator, to listen to Mr. Phillips' call?
- 25 A. I would expect the investigator to

- 1 contact Mr. Phillips and get his version of the
- 2 events, yes.
- Q. Okay. And if Mr. Phillips' attorney
- 4 said, you've already given a statement, don't
- 5 talk to them again, would you expect them to go
- 6 off of what they have?
- 7 A. Perhaps. I -- that call isn't useful
- 8 to an investigator. That call contains almost no
- 9 facts.
- 10 Q. So -- okay. So it's your testimony
- 11 that Mr. Phillips' call contains almost no facts
- 12 about his version of what happened to him?
- 13 A. As you compare it to the hours of the
- 14 following investigation with the officers that
- 15 were available, I would say that it's quite
- 16 distinguishable.
- 17 Q. Okay. All right. If you could, look
- 18 through Exhibit 2 -- well, no. I'm sorry.
- 19 If the officers -- if IAB conducted
- 20 multiple interviews of the officers, those
- 21 interviews would be recorded, correct?
- 22 A. Correct.
- Q. Okay. So then if we asked for all the
- 24 interviews and we only got these interviews, it's
- 25 a safe assumption that these are the only

- 1 interviews that internal affairs conducted in
- 2 this case?
- 3 A. That's a fair assumption.
- 4 Q. Okay. And so if some of those
- 5 interviews are each of one officer, and there was
- 6 one intake call with Mr. Phillips, what would
- 7 make Mr. Phillips' call, with his facts,
- 8 irrelevant from the facts that are presented by
- 9 the other officers?
- 10 MS. LLOYD: Again, I have to object as
- 11 to form.
- 12 There's been no testimony here that
- 13 Mr. Phillips' call was irrelevant.
- 14 A. I wouldn't consider his call
- 15 irrelevant.
- 16 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 17 Q. Okay. So then if his call was
- 18 relevant, then you would expect them to listen to
- 19 it?
- 20 MS. LLOYD: Again, objection as to
- 21 form.
- Who are them?
- 23 BY MS. BRATTON:
- Q. You would expect internal affairs to
- 25 listen to it?

- 1 A. I don't operate internal affairs. They
- 2 don't report to me, ma'am.
- Q. Okay. Would you consider listening to
- 4 Mr. Phillips' call to be a thorough
- 5 investigation?
- A. No. I would not consider listening to
- 7 one call a thorough investigation, no.
- 8 Q. Would your consider listening to
- 9 Mr. Phillips' call along with all of the other
- 10 calls to be a thorough investigation?
- 11 A. Not necessarily.
- 12 Q. Okay. Would you consider the exclusion
- of Mr. Phillips's to not be a thorough
- 14 investigation?
- MS. LLOYD: Again, I have to object as
- to form and as to this hypothetical
- 17 exclusion of Mr. Phillips.
- 18 A. It -- I -- I don't know if that -- did
- 19 that occur? I don't know if this occurred, if
- 20 it's a hypothetical. I can't answer that. I
- 21 don't know.
- 22 BY MS. BRATTON:
- Q. Okay. Well, I didn't conduct the
- 24 investigation, so I don't know either. I don't
- 25 know whether or not.

- 1 But you signed off on it. So I'm
- 2 asking you, on an investigation that you signed
- 3 off on, you are the final person to make a
- 4 decision about whether the officers did the right
- 5 thing or not -- in an investigation that you sign
- 6 off on, would -- and you said that you only sign
- 7 off on thorough investigations.
- 8 So would you not consider it to be a
- 9 thorough investigation if the investigator did
- 10 not listen to Mr. Phillips' version of the
- 11 story?
- 12 A. Ma'am --
- MS. LLOYD: This is a hypo -- I have to
- object as to a hypothetical.
- Where are you demonstrating to this
- deponent that someone did not listen to a
- 17 tape?
- 18 A. I'm having a hard time hearing between
- 19 accusations, assertions, and questions. I don't
- 20 understand what I'm being asked.
- 21 BY MS. BRATTON:
- Q. Okay. Would you expect for an
- 23 investigator conducting an investigation to
- 24 listen to the facts that are presented by the
- 25 person making the complaint?

- 1 A. Ma'am, with all due respect, would you,
- 2 establishes a hypothetical.
- I don't know.
- 4 Q. Okay. Well, in this case, you don't
- 5 know whether or not the internal affairs officer
- 6 listened to Mr. Phillips' tape, correct?
- 7 MS. LLOYD: Again, I have to object.
- 8 The record doesn't reflect he's had an
- 9 opportunity to look through the entire
- 10 investigation.
- 11 MS. BRATTON: I have offered the
- opportunity to look through it. Do you --
- let's take a break, please, so we can look
- 14 through it. Let's -- we can take a
- 15 10, 15-minute -- however long you need to
- 16 look through the investigation.
- 17 MS. LLOYD: And then what is the
- 18 question?
- 19 MS. BRATTON: I'll ask questions once
- 20 he refreshes his memory.
- 21 (A recess was taken from 2:42 to 3:17.)
- 22 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 23 Q. Based on your review, do you know
- 24 whether the internal affairs officer listened to
- 25 Mr. Phillips' tape?

- 1 A. I don't know.
- Q. Okay. Based on your review -- if you
- 3 can, turn to GB774; still in Exhibit 2.
- 4 A. (Witness complies.)
- 5 Q. Third paragraph down, under Sergeant
- 6 Lowell Rector.
- 7 A. Okay.
- 8 Q. Sergeant Rector stated, once the
- 9 burglary scene was secured he attempted to speak
- 10 with Mr. Phillips. Sergeant Rector stated Mr.
- 11 Phillips told him that he was a former Ohio
- 12 trooper, and he was not going to speak unless he
- 13 had a lawyer present.
- Is that what -- this is -- the
- 15 investigative summary states from Sergeant Lowell
- 16 Rector?
- MS. LLOYD: Again, we can stipulate
- 18 that what's written on the page is what's on
- 19 the page.
- 20 BY MS. BRATTON:
- Q. You can answer if that's what the
- 22 investigative summary says.
- 23 A. What's written on the page is what's
- 24 written on the page.
- Q. Okay. So -- so then that's a yes?

- 1 MS. LLOYD: Yes to what?
- 2 A. What was the question?
- 3 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 4 Q. That the investigative summary states
- 5 that Sergeant Lowell Rector said the -- the
- 6 sentence that I read.
- 7 A. I'll need you to reread it. I --
- 8 Q. Sergeant Rector stated, once the
- 9 burglary scene was secured, he attempted to
- 10 speak with Mr. Phillips. Sergeant Rector stated
- 11 Mr. Phillips told him that he was a former Ohio
- 12 trooper, and he was not going to speak unless he
- 13 had a lawyer present.
- Does the investigative summary -- is
- 15 that an accurate depiction of what the
- 16 investigative summary says on GB774?
- 17 A. That it an accurate reading of what it
- 18 says.
- 19 Q. Okay. And so then would you agree --
- 20 on page GB782 -- that Mr. Phillips' admission did
- 21 not come from Sergeant Lowell Rector, the
- 22 admission that Sergeant Johnson states, when he
- 23 says Mr. Phillips admitted he was not following
- 24 instructions when asked to step away from the
- 25 vehicle?

- 1 Would you agree that, based on Sergeant
- 2 Rector's statement, that that statement was not
- 3 given to Sergeant Rector?
- 4 A. There exists circumstances where that
- 5 could have still been overheard by Sergeant
- 6 Rector, so I can't answer that in the
- 7 affirmative.
- 8 Q. Okay. And based on your review, did
- 9 you see in this packet where Sergeant Rector made
- 10 that statement to the investigator?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. Okay. Did you see anywhere in the
- 13 packet where Mr. Phillips admitted he was not
- 14 following instructions when he was asked to step
- 15 away from his vehicle?
- 16 A. I'd like to re -- rehear his intake
- 17 interview.
- 18 Q. Okay.
- 19 (Audio was played.)
- 20 BY MS. BRATTON:
- Q. I'm sorry. I should have -- I'm
- 22 replaying Exhibit 21, which is Mr. Phillips' IAB
- 23 interview -- phone interview.
- 24 (Audio was played.)
- 25 A. Can we stop a second?

- 1 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 2 O. Yes.
- 3 A. He's returning his call. Is the other
- 4 call available?
- 5 MR. PHILLIPS: There was no other
- 6 call.
- 7 THE WITNESS: He says he's returning
- 8 your call.
- 9 MR. PHILLIPS: I called --
- 10 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 11 Q. Mr. -- Mr. Phillips called a --
- 12 MS. BRATTON: Is that about the
- 13 complaint line?
- MR. PHILLIPS: The voicemail, yeah.
- 15 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 16 Q. -- like a voicemail line.
- 17 A. Is that recording available?
- 18 Q. I don't believe it was included. Oh,
- 19 here it is.
- 20 (Audio was played.)
- 21 BY MS. BRATTON:
- Q. These are the only phone calls that
- 23 were given. The other two are voicemails for
- 24 Mr. Phillips. So the only phone call that the
- 25 department gave me was what they contained in the

- 1 IAB report.
- 2 So I'll play Mr. Phillips' intake call.
- 3 (Audio was played.)
- 4 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 5 Q. In that call, did you hear Mr. Phillips
- 6 admit that he was not following instructions?
- 7 A. Not to those words, no.
- 8 Q. And, in fact, Mr. Phillips stated that
- 9 when Officer Blair wanted him to stop, he stopped
- 10 and stayed stopped, correct?
- 11 A. Again, from memory -- I don't remember
- 12 those exact words.
- 13 Q. Okay. Do you remember that he stayed
- 14 stopped, he didn't drive off from her?
- 15 A. Correct.
- 16 Q. Okay. And that Officer Blair told him
- 17 to turn the truck off, and he turned his truck
- 18 off?
- 19 A. Correct.
- O. That Officer Blair asked for his
- 21 license, he gave her his license?
- 22 A. Not directly.
- Q. He didn't give her his license?
- 24 A. Not directly. There was a
- 25 back-and-forth, back-and-forth before he finally

- 1 provided his license. At first, he said he did
- 2 not have it.
- 3 Q. He said that he said that, or did
- 4 Officer Blair say that?
- 5 A. Officer Blair.
- 6 Q. Okay. I'm asking what -- from Off --
- 7 from Mr. Phillips' version.
- 8 A. You took notes, I didn't. So I'm --
- 9 Q. Okay.
- 10 A. -- I am unable to answer that
- 11 specifically.
- 12 Q. Okay. But, just to be clear, what you
- 13 just said, that he said he didn't have his
- 14 license, that was Officer Blair's version, not
- 15 Mr. Phillips'?
- 16 A. Again, I don't recall Mr. Phillips'
- 17 word for word. I recall Officer Blair reporting
- 18 that.
- 19 Q. Okay. And Mr. Phillips saying that he
- 20 got out of the truck, he was hesitant, but he
- 21 went ahead and stepped out, do you remember that
- 22 from the tape that was just played?
- 23 A. Generally, yes.
- Q. Okay. And that he said, I never
- 25 resisted, I was letting them do what they wanted.

- 1 A. That sounds like a direct quote that
- 2 you wrote down. I don't recall that.
- Q. Okay. Do you recall hearing him say, I
- 4 never resisted?
- 5 A. I don't recall that.
- 6 (Audio was played.)
- 7 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 8 Q. Okay. Did you hear, on the tape,
- 9 Mr. Phillips say, I never resisted, I was trying
- 10 to let them do what they wanted?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Okay. And so -- well, you've already
- 13 answered that there was no direct admission.
- 14 And according to policy, can officers
- 15 stop someone for the sole reason that they're in
- 16 the vicinity of a reported crime?
- 17 A. Policy does not say that, no.
- 18 Q. Okay. And based on your review, did
- 19 you have any follow-up questions regarding why
- 20 Mr. Phillips was stopped after dispatch told them
- 21 that everyone was back inside in the building --
- 22 told the officers everyone was back inside the
- 23 building?
- 24 A. I belive I answered that I had no
- 25 follow-up questions.

- 1 Q. And if you know that an officer has
- 2 a -- well, let me ask this.
- 3 Do you know whether any of the
- 4 officers, Blair, Cazan, McClain, or Groves, have
- 5 not been completely forthcoming in prior
- 6 investigations?
- 7 MS. LLOYD: Objection as to the form of
- 8 that question.
- 9 A. There's at least a double negative in
- 10 that. Could you repeat it for me?
- 11 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 12 Q. Do you know whether Blair, McClain,
- 13 Cazan, or Groves have not been completely
- 14 forthcoming in prior investigations?
- MS. LLOYD: Objection as to form.
- 16 A. That's -- I -- I still can't follow the
- 17 question. I'm sorry.
- 18 BY MS. BRATTON:
- 19 Q. Okay. When you conduct an
- 20 investigation on an officer, do you ever --
- 21 A. I don't conduct investigations on
- 22 officers.
- 23 Q. I'm sorry. When you review the
- 24 investigation --
- 25 A. Okay.

- 1 Q. -- and you review officers' statements,
- 2 do you look to see whether or not an officer has
- 3 not been completely forthcoming in prior
- 4 investigations?
- 5 A. That -- I don't understand that. I --
- 6 officers are investigated for hundreds of
- 7 previous things. I do not review all those
- 8 investigations when reviewing this investigation.
- 9 You saw -- so I don't review their
- 10 investigations from before to then judge them
- 11 based on those.
- 12 So I guess the answer is no.
- 13 Q. Okay. So not to judge -- well,
- 14 withdraw that.
- 15 And can you describe the three-second
- 16 rule used in compliance?
- 17 A. I'm not familiar with the three-second
- 18 rule.
- 19 Q. Okay. What is you training in regard
- 20 to how long you should give a citizen the -- to
- 21 comply with a command?
- MS. LLOYD: Objection as to form.
- 23 A. We don't list an amount of time.
- 24 BY MS. BRATTON:
- Q. Okay. Is there some factor that you

1	all are supposed to consider?				
2	A. You should consider whether the person				
3	is responding to those requests or that order.				
4	Q. Okay.				
5	MS. BRATTON: I think I'm done. If you				
6	could just give me two minutes.				
7	(A recess was taken from 3:47 to 3:49.)				
8	MS. BRATTON: I don't have anything				
9	further. Thank you.				
10	THE REPORTER: Signature?				
11	MS. LLOYD: Yes.				
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13	yesterday.				
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